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LOUD'S BILL GOES THROUGH

Postoffice Appropriations Finally Passed.

FEAR A HIDDEN SENEGAMBIAN

Mr. Lewis Suspicious That There Is Concealed in the Bill an Intention to Secure Federal Protection to Railroads in Times of Strikes—A Warm Debate.

After the hardest struggle upon the floor of the House that Mr. Loud's bill has ever engaged in, he succeeded yesterday, by the support of his party, in passing the postoffice appropriation bill, which, when introduced, appropriated \$8,962,500, but which was increased by amendments about \$200,000.

As soon as debate on the bill was resumed yesterday Mr. Castle of California called up his amendment to reduce the appropriation for inland transportation of mail from \$3,500,000 to \$3,350,000. No one expected this sweeping reduction to be made, but it was the cause of an hour's debate, during which Gen. Grosvenor put himself on record as being still on very friendly terms with the railroads. He defended the bill with almost as much energy as Mr. Loud, and attributed all that is good in the Postoffice Department to the railroads. Immediately after Mr. Castle's amendment was voted down, without a division, Mr. Bland of Missouri presented an amendment reducing the appropriation for inland transportation to \$2,500,000. This created a debate very similar to the one which had preceded, and failed to be agreed to, by a vote of 74 to 42.

The item appropriating \$400,000 for railway postoffice car service was amended three times, but in each case the reduction proposed by the amendments was rejected by the Republican majority. When the item appropriating \$200,000 for railway transportation of mail by electric and cable cars on routes not exceeding twenty miles in length was reached, Mr. Lewis of Washington offered an amendment providing that the item include vehicles, carriages, etc.

Mr. Lewis said that he believed there was something in this bill that was not developed on the surface, and that the intention of the item was to secure Federal protection in times of strikes and labor disputes.

He asked Mr. Loud if such was not the case, and the gentleman in some confusion declared that he did not understand the twenty-mile provision.

"Does the proposed measure cheapen the service?" inquired Mr. McMullen of Tennessee.

"I do not know that it does," replied Mr. Loud.

"It seems to me that there must be some ulterior object in the measure," commented Mr. McMullen.

"I have an idea," said Mr. Loud, "that this sort of service is a bad."

The amendment of Mr. Lewis was defeated.

The bill was passed by a vote of 95 to 77.

After section 4 of the bill was amended as to read that second, third and fourth-class mail matter shall not be returned to sender until the postage is prepaid, and the item permitting the Postmaster General to consolidate the New York and Brooklyn postoffices was rejected by a point of order being made against it, the bill was passed, after some parliamentary skirmishing, by a vote of 119 to 61, and is now pending.

The House adjourned at five minutes before 6 o'clock.

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THE STOCK MARKET DULL

The Possibility of War Holds Capital in Check.

Weekly Statement of Associated Banks Shows Unusually Heavy Liquidation of Loans.

New York, March 19.—There has been a further falling off in transactions on the stock exchange this week, the dealings in stock averaging only 300,000 a day, and in bonds a little more than \$1,500,000 par value. The number of issues dealt in was also smaller than last week. In both the bond and stock departments the transactions were less widely distributed than they have been for a long time past. On the other hand, prices for stocks are, as a rule, materially higher than they were a week ago. The improvement in bonds has not been as pronounced, for the reason that the market for the underlying securities of railway and other corporations has not been affected by purely speculative developments such as an undue expansion of the short interest in stocks, nor by unconfirmed rumors foreshadowing a speedy and amicable settlement of the Spanish-Cuban situation. Substantial interests do not base their operations in securities which, as a rule, are of a permanent character, upon reports that frequently influence the speculative community, nor are they deceived by the temporary exhibition of stocks that has been induced by the market for the time being.

The dealings in stocks this week have been more largely professional than for a long time past. Two or three operators who apparently became convinced that the throwing over of securities last Saturday was unwarranted by the facts governing actual value, took hold of the market in a forceful way on Monday morning, and during the first half of the week, covered the short interest to cover a good many stocks. At the subsequent and logical decline, a fresh short interest was created, with closed interest in contracts yesterday and this morning. The liquidation of speculative long accounts has been so thorough that the advocates of lower prices find very little material to work on in their campaign against values.

The weekly statement of the associated banks shows that there has been unusually heavy liquidation of loans and, as general business is fairly brisk, it seems safe to assume that Wall Street is chiefly responsible for the contraction. The current rates for money are evidence that the liquidation has not been forced by holders. As stocks are comparatively scarce both in the loan crowd and in the general market, there is a good deal of natural curiosity regarding the reduction of the supply.

Today's stock market was dull and irregular. The opening was strong. The prices sold off for a time, only to rally again in the late dealings, chiefly on the covering of shorts. The short interest has apparently become as nervous as the speculative holders of stocks were a week ago. Operators for both accounts appear to be disposed to make no new extensive engagements until the Spanish-Cuban situation is more definitely defined than at present.

It is generally supposed that the circumstances directly affecting values, such as the volume of business that is being transacted throughout the country, the shortening of the contract trade, the prices of staple commodities, and the immense amount of capital seeking investment, are favorable to an improvement in the market for securities. The possibility of a conflict with Spain, however, holds capital in check. At the same time extraordinary disbursements for the army and navy, the foreign demand for breadstuffs, and the resulting transfer of money from Europe to this country, are stimulating the demand for money and keeping the money market down to a comparatively low level.

New York Stock Market.

Current prices of the New York Stock Market, 127 F Street.

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The country must be in the same condition of uncertainty as the Street. The friends of the President find plenty of material for an entire appreciation of the situation, and of the certainty that he will satisfy the world with the true Americanism and patriotism of his actions when the crucial moment comes, but the fact is well known that he is even at the late date hesitating probably between the two influences that have shaped his vacillating since he reached the White House, and that he does not know at this moment what he will do with all the facts before him. The report will be in the hands of the President on Monday or Tuesday. Then he must take some action. All that the report contains he has no known for over a week, and he can get no new facts.

THE IMPUTATION UNJUST.

The Charge of Lack of Patriotism Resented by Brokers.

New York, March 19.—During the civil war a newspaper here was suppressed for three days for a reasonable publication. There is no more speculation as to how far, in the event of war with Spain, disability would be allowed to run without check. It is the general belief that there would be no supporters of Spain, as there would be no friends of the Southern Confederacy, but that the market, if any, would come from the peace-loving public.

Wall Street men resent the imputation that they are unpatriotic. "Some of us," said a prominent broker, "when values tumble just as a farmer does when a regiment ramps in his cornfield and burns up his rail fence. As a matter of fact, I feel about as much war talk as the rest of the stock crowd, as anywhere. Yesterday I thought a dozen numbers, and every one of them thought there would ultimately be war with Spain."

"Expressions of a few men whose interest are largely foreign and the public fear of jobs like newspapers who profess to be financial organs should not be taken to reflect the sentiment of the street."

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from this time on. It will be peace if possible, but it may not be possible. The market is to be an interesting problem from this time on until the Cuban situation is clarified by action. The market will probably be as nervous as it has been hereafter as it has been for the last month.

The stock market was of very little importance yesterday as an indication of the sentiment of the country regarding the Cuban situation. There was a fair strength all day, but a great dullness that indicated very clearly that the abroad operators do not care to take the very great chances that any deal either way must involve. In general the sports seemed most to fear the possibility of next week. It cannot be questioned that the indications are as far as the Wall Street people desire as far as they go. The hope of the Administration is still for peace. But Congress is taking such a firm stand that the speculators fear to follow the Administration wholly.

Henry Clews has this to say of the money market:

"The home money market is amply protected against any contingency in connection with our relations with Spain. The amount of the current gold imports, received and to arrive, now reaches over \$2,000,000; and although exchange has risen on a rate which forbids further importations at the moment, yet our creditor claims upon Europe are such as to place within our reach further very large amounts of gold should we need it. The largeness of our exports still continues, and the moderation of the imports is unchanged; so that the trade account for February, including gold and silver, shows a balance in our favor of \$3,000,000—adding further to the already extraordinary floating balance in our favor held in other countries. For the first eight months of this fiscal year, a balance of exports and imports, including gold and silver, shows \$408,000,000 to the credit of the United States. Making a liberal deduction on account of the net debtor items outside of imports and exports and assuming that the movement of securities has averaged considerably against us, there must still now remain an unliquidated foreign balance in our favor of very extraordinary dimensions; much larger, I apprehend, than is generally supposed, or than would be credited if fairly estimated."

Sugar was one of the features of the day in the extent of trading and in its strength. It opened a point lower than the close on Friday, but all day the price rose until the close. In connection with the buying there were rumors again of the settlement between the American Sugar Refining Company and the Arbuckle Bros. The best authorities in the trade said that these rumors are premature. Sugar is as good a stock at the present price, however, as any on the board.

The failure to settle the rate war was overlooked yesterday. In the trading, a thing that would not have happened in any situation that one wholly dominated by one factor, the shorts certainly made the tone of the market for the day. There is every prospect of a continuance of the rate war during the summer. It will not be an easy matter to settle the Cuban situation is out of the way.

Tobacco has been strong during the week, and indeed for several weeks past. Yesterday there was no change in the external indication of strength. I look for a great break within a few days. The pool of "water stock" that the market cannot wish much more, and certainly there is very little chance that there has been any reality in the stories of combination that have been circulated.

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